

In the Claims

The claims are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device ~~serving as a speaker and/or a microphone~~, characterized in that comprising:

a housing having a concave portion, which is larger in diameter than said bone conduction device, and wherein said ~~is formed in a~~ housing ~~[[of]]~~ forms a main body of the telephone;

a cushioning material ~~[[is]]~~ disposed between ~~an inner surface of said concave portion of~~ said housing and ~~an outer surface of said bone conduction device; and,~~

a gap ~~[[is]]~~ formed ~~and kept effective~~ between said bone conduction device and said concave portion of said housing ~~by a bottom surface of said concave portion by means of said cushioning material; and~~, ~~through which material said bone conduction device is supported and has its~~

a vibration surface of said bone conduction device positioned to be slightly extended outward from a surface of said housing by said cushioning material.

2. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device ~~serving as a speaker and/or a microphone, characterized in that~~ comprising:

a housing having a surface and a through-hole portion, ~~which~~ wherein said through-hole portion is configured to be larger in diameter than said bone conduction device, is formed in a wherein said housing [[of]] forms a main body of the telephone;

a cushioning material ~~[[is]]~~ disposed between an inner surface of said through-hole portion and ~~an outer surface of said bone conduction device; and,~~

a vibration surface of said bone conduction device ~~has its vibration surface slightly extended outward from a surface of said housing by means of said cushioning material.~~

3. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~both the opposite surfaces of~~ an opposite side of said bone conduction device also serve as a vibration surfaces surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~[[:]]~~ the portable telephone is ~~[[of]]~~ a foldable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions foldable relative to each other ~~in a folded position of the telephone; and, in such~~

a folded position of the telephone, ~~said~~ wherein a vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts ~~[[on]]~~ an inner surface of one of said two housing portions ~~, which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~[[:]]~~ the portable telephone is ~~[[of]]~~ a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone~~; and ~~, in such a closed position of the telephone, said~~

~~a vibration surface of said bone conduction device that abuts ~~[[on]]~~ an inner surface of one of said two housing portions when the two housing portions are rotated closed, which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~[[:]]~~ the portable telephone is ~~[[of]]~~ a slidable type provided with a housing ~~constructed of~~ having two housing portions that are slidable relative to each other when the telephone is in a closed position of the telephone; and, when in ~~such a~~ the closed position of the telephone, ~~said~~ a vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts ~~[[on]]~~ an inner surface of one of said housing portions, which ~~one~~ is ~~oppositely~~ disposed oppositely from ~~the other one of~~ said other housing portions, wherein ~~said the other one carrying~~ other housing portions carries said bone conduction device of said housing.

7. (Currently amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device ~~wherein said bone conduction device is installed in~~ comprising:

a housing having a device installation opening ~~of a housing of said bone conduction device by using ; and~~

a device holder made of a resilient material ~~;~~ and, wherein said device holder is constructed of a container portion and a fixing portion, wherein said container portion carries said bone conduction device therein, and wherein said fixing portion is fixedly mounted on an inner surface of said device installation opening of said housing ~~of a main body~~ of the telephone.

8. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 7, wherein an abutting plate ~~[[, which]]~~ is fixedly mounted on said bone conduction device to cover a front surface side of said container portion, wherein said plate is so arranged as to slightly extend outward from said housing.

9. (Original) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 8, wherein a circular rib for receiving therein a peripheral edge portion of a rear surface of said abutting plate is provided in a front surface side of said container portion.

10. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein [[:]] the portable telephone is [[of]] a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other, when in a closed position [[of]] the telephone ; ~~and, in such a closed position of the telephone;~~ said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts [[on]] one of said two housing portions:

an inner surface of one of said two housing portions , ~~which one is~~ oppositely disposed from the other one of said two housing portions , ~~said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

11. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein [[:]] the portable telephone is [[of]] a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone;~~ and , ~~in such~~

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts [[on]] an inner surface of one of said two housing portions , ~~which one is~~ oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, ~~said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

12. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~[[:]]~~ the portable telephone is ~~[[of]]~~ a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone~~; and ~~, in such~~

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts ~~[[on]]~~ an inner surface of one of said two housing portions ~~, which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

13. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~[[:]]~~ the portable telephone is of a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone~~; and ~~, in such~~

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts ~~[[on]]~~ an inner surface of one of said two housing portions ~~, which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

14. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein [[:]] the portable telephone is [[of]] a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone;~~ and ~~;~~ in such

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts on an inner surface of one of said two housing portions ~~;~~ ~~which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~

15. (Currently amended) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 3, wherein [[:]] the portable telephone is [[of]] a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other ~~in a closed position of the telephone;~~ and ~~;~~ in such

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts [[on]] an inner surface of one of said two housing portions ~~;~~ ~~which one is oppositely disposed from the other one of said housing portions, said the other one carrying said bone conduction device of said housing.~~